

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 27th October

Sun 27th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)
Sun 27th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship
(Andrew Heron)
Tues 29th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 30th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Rob Goodgame)
Thurs 31st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
(at Andrew and Brenda's)
Thurs 31st 5.00.pm. to 6.30.pm. -
Light Party
Fri 1st 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House.
Sat 2nd 11.00.am. - Evangelism.
w/c 3rd November
Sun 3rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper
(Zach Mollallegn)
Sun 3rd 11.00.am.- Morning Worship
(John Benton)
Sun 3rd 5.30.pm. - Together
Tues 5th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 6th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Mark Henderson)
Thurs 7th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
(at Zach and Amy's)
Fri 8th 10.00.am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House
Fr 8th 5.30.pm. To 7.30.pm - Family
Night
w/c 10th November
Sun 10th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper
(Zach Mollallegn)
Sun 10th 11.00.am.- Morning Worship
(Mark Newham)
Sun 10th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch
Tues 12th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 12th 8.00.pm. - Leadership
Meeting

Wed 13th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (David Henderson)
Thurs 14th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
(at Mark and Laura's)
Fri 15th 10.00.am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House.

w/c 17th November

Sun 17th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper
(Lloyd Mushambadzi)
Sun 17th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship
(John Benton)
Sun 17th 5.30.pm. - Equip (One-to-One
Bible Study; Practical)
Tues 19th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 20th 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer /
Bible Study (Lloyd Mushambadzi)
Thurs 21st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
(at Philip and May Lin's)
Fri 22nd 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. -
Open House
Fri 22nd 9.00.pm to Sat. 23rd
12.00.am. - Revive
w/c 24th November
Sun 24th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Fichev)
Sun 24th 11.00.am.- Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)
Tues 26th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 26th 8.00.pm - Leadership
Meeting
Wed 27th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (2 Cor. 8)
Thurs 28th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
(at Philip and May Lin)'s
Fri 29th 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House
Sat 30th 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast

News

Olguta Ghimici Had an operation on October 7th to remove cancer cells. Please pray for her as she has ongoing treatment.

Philip Venables is due to have a further three week sabbatical from October 30th to November 19th.

Notes

Light Party Between 5.00.p.m. and 6.30.p.m. On 31st October we are celebrating the Light which is the Light of the World.. On an evening of darkness all around we have an evening for all aged up to 14 to come and join us to have a happy time in a Light environment, If you can help in any way please contact Zach. Pray for Andrew as he gives the talk.

Contemporary Issues On Sunday 10th November at 6.30.p.m. Hounslow West Evangelical Church have an evening to consider "The Family" as part of their Christian Ethics series.

Missionary Contacts On Sunday 10th November we have the privilege of welcoming Mark and Gill Newham to be with us. They serve the Lord in Mongolia. Mark is due to be preaching at the 11.00 service that morning.

Fellowship Lunch We are due to have fellowship lunch together on November 10th. This is due to be on a bring-and-share basis.

Equip We continue this month on November 17th to look at the vital ministry of one-to-one Bible Study. Carl Porter is again due to be with us as we have some practical training in actually undertaking one-to-one study

Bibles There are copies of the NIV church Bibles available in the Church Office. If you would like to have one (or more) please help yourself and give a donation to the church in the offering box.

Family Night. On the second Friday of the month during the winter we intend to have time to be together as a church family to eat together and do activities together. This is between 5.30.p.m. and 7.30.p.m.

Spiritual Notes

UNITY; How Important is it?

The unity of the church is something that is very precious to our Lord Jesus. When He was praying to His Father for His people He prayed: **“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.** (John 17:20-21). Let us learn some things from this statement:

Believing the Apostolic Word. Here we are marvellously brought to a place where we have the Lord praying for us as the ones who know Him through believing in the Word of the apostles. That Word has now been set in written form in our New Testament. All who have come to believe in the true Jesus revealed in the Word of God share together in a praying Saviour who prays for them all. If you are struggling with the behaviour, attitudes and views of a fellow believer remember, first of all, that they are prayed for by your Saviour just as much as you are. If you are struggling as regards to your own worth, then remember you have a Saviour who is interested in you and praying for you in heaven right now.

The prayer is for unity. The prayer that our Lord is making for His people, is a prayer for oneness. We live in a world which continually tends to divide. This can be along so many different lines, such as those of politics race, sex and social background. The church is to be radically different to this. We are, essentially, a one Saviour people who have been brought to one God through Christ. In Ephesians 4:4-6 these onenesses are stated **There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.** We are to reflect these onenesses in our conduct towards one another.

The Unity is Modelled after the Unity of the Father and Son. This means that our unity is not to be at any cost. The unity

between the Father and the Son is based on truth and righteousness and love and justice and everything that brings harmonious beauty to our God in the Father / Son relationship. We must realise that our unity is only true unity when it flows in a similar way. If we treasure sin and selfishness we will never have true unity. True unity is formed as we act in truth and understand the truth of God's Word together.

Our Unity Exists in God. The Lord says that we are one in the Father and in the Son. There is nothing of ourselves which brings about our unity; the unity is brought about by the Spirit of God, in God. This establishes the essential point that our unity is a gospel unity. We are brought to know God through believing the gospel Word. In 1 Peter 3:18a we read: **For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.** When we look for our unity anywhere other than in God we are sunk. But, think further on this, the fact that this unity is in God makes us aware of the mighty blessings we have because we actually are together with each other, with God. We are forgiven, received and bound into God who will never change His mind about this. We should speak more about the glorious things we share in God.

The impact of our unity. When the things already mentioned are an experienced reality among us as God's people, then there will be an impact upon this world. We may pray, rightly for a great working of the Holy Spirit to do a great work in this world. This however, is not the whole story. The people of God are used by the Holy Spirit to mighty effect as they display all the wonderful counter cultural attributes of how a people from different nations, races, colours, backgrounds and languages can unite together in Christ. In a world of division this makes a loud declaration. It has such an impact because it is only in the church of Jesus Christ and in Christ that this is truly exhibited.

Let us then strive with all the mighty enablings of our God upon us to live out this call to unity. We must practically show it in our own church at Feltham Evangelical. But we must also be thoughtful about displaying it with other churches and Christians.